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28 August 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, OES

SUBJECT: Charter for Psychological Intelligence Committee

REFERENCE: Memorandum from AD/OES to DCI dated 27 July 1950

ENCLOSURE: Memorandum from Chief, COAPS to DCI dated 28 August 1950

1. I approve the findings and recommendation contained in the attached memorandum from the Chief of COAPS, which is contrary to that recommended by you in the above reference.
2. I have been informed that your Office and the Chairman of the Psychological Committee are in full accord with this view at the present time.
3. I suggest that you direct the Chairman of the Committee to announce this decision to the Committee members in such a way as not to indicate that operating without a so-called charter is any indication of informality, much less, weakness. Furthermore, I would appreciate receiving through COAPS occasional reports of the progress and work of the Committee.

Signed

R. F. HILLBROOK
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central Intelligence

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Interdepartmental Foreign Information Staff
Assistant Director for Operations
Revision of FBID Publications

Receipt is acknowledged of memorandum 22 August, subject as above. The suggestions therein are pertinent to current discussions of possible FBID contribution to psychological warfare requirements and will be given full consideration in any future adjustment of operations for this purpose.

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Assistant Director
Office of Operations, CIA

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Interdepartmental Foreign Information Staff
Revision of FBID Publications

As you know, the Central Intelligence Agency has a full time representative on the Interdepartmental Foreign Information Staff and will shortly assume increasing obligations with regard to policy and operating problems in the psychological warfare field.

Two publications of the Foreign Broadcast Information Division, while quite good as they are, could perhaps be slightly modified in order to be more useful in providing intelligence support for information and psychological operations. The two publications are "Survey of USSR Radio Broadcasts" and "USSR and Satellite Information Abstracts from Radio Broadcasts". With regard to the Survey, it would be very helpful indeed if an additional section were added suggesting propaganda counter-measures to Soviet propaganda broadcasts. With regard to the Abstracts, it would be very helpful if it were possible to segregate those items of information particularly useful in psychological warfare operations.

I have had preliminary conversation with Dr. Ralph White with regard to adding material to the Survey and I would be very happy at any time to talk further with regard to implementing either one of these suggestions.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR
THRU: The Acting Executive *107*
SUBJECT: Charter for the Psychological Intelligence Committee

Facts Bearing on the Problem

1. On 13 January 1950 the DCI informed the members of the IAC of his decision to form an interdepartmental intelligence Committee under the chairmanship of CIA, to mobilize the foreign intelligence effort of the Government for effective support of the national foreign information program and planning for overt psychological warfare. He asked each agency to designate a representative for the Committee. FBI and AEC responded with the statement that their official interest in the subject was remote and thus, in their estimation, nominees from the two agencies were unnecessary. Accordingly the interdepartmental Committee chaired by CIA has membership from State, Army, Navy, Air Force, and the JIG.

2. Since its formation the Committee has been meeting on frequent occasions, and has made considerable progress toward developing all phases of realistic intelligence production plans in the field of psychological intelligence.

3. During recent meetings of the Committee consideration has been given toward formalizing the Committee structure by the issuance of a charter. All Committee members except State, agreed to the wording of the proposed charter.

4. The AD/ORE recommended to the DCI on 27 July 1950 that the Director submit the proposed charter to the IAC for their acceptance.

Discussion

5. Based upon the letter of the DCI to the IAC agencies and their response thereto, the Psychological Intelligence Committee has been operating satisfactorily without a formal charter. If the charter merely adds a cloak of formality to an undertaking that is getting along well without it then the necessity for its adoption is questionable.

6. By oral expression and written word the State member of the Committee has vehemently refused to go along with the other Committee members as to the wording of the proposed charter. In any IAC discussion on the charter the State Department would undoubtedly support this position thereby creating an impasse which might have a detrimental effect on current operations of the Committee.

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7. The Committee is already doing most of the activities enunciated in the Charter.

8. Paragraph 6 of the proposed Charter is not beamed toward strengthening the Directorate of the CIA. It calls for the referral of problems not solved by the Committee to the DCI "for consideration by the Intelligence Advisory Committee." The IAC is not a governing body with authority to solve such Committee problems. It is in name, as it should be in actuality, "Advisory" to the Director.

Conclusions

9. Since the proposed Charter is not needed to strengthen the present functioning of the psychological intelligence Committee, and since the stand of the AD/ORE, proposing consideration of this Charter by the IAC, might create difficulties at the IAC level it is concluded that the action recommended by the AD/ORE should not be approved by the Director.

Recommendation

10. It is recommended that the Director approve the above conclusions and sign Attachment A for transmittal to the AD/ORE.



PRESCOTT CHILDS, Chief
Coordination, Operations
and Policy Staff

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Enclosure
Attachment A

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Assistant Director for Reports and Estimates

SUBJECT: Charter for Psychological Intelligence Committee

DATE: 11 June 1950

1. Forwarded herewith for your consideration is a memorandum from the Chairman of the Psychological Intelligence Committee, accompanied by a proposed charter which all Committee members, except the Department of State's representative, have agreed should be issued as an Intelligence Directive.

2. The Department of State has taken a position that the proposed charter does not itself constitute a definition of the subject matter with which it deals and believes that the Committee should be instructed to define its field of interest before further debate on a charter is continued.

3. The Office of Reports and Estimates concurs with the majority of the Committee for the following reasons:

a. The proposed charter, which originated in this office, was purposely made broad and flexible in order to avoid qualifications or definitions which might later prove erroneous in an intelligence activity as new as this, or which might become obsolescent in relation to the expanding national psychological warfare effort.

b. Even if a definition of "psychological intelligence" were desirable at this time, it would have to be based at least in part, upon an agreed definition of "psychological warfare". There is today no accepted definition of "psychological warfare" among the agencies responsible for its planning or prosecution.

c. It seems clear that the statutory responsibilities of the Director of Central Intelligence embrace a much broader concept of psychological intelligence than that favored by the Department of State, i.e., support for the NSC 59/1 organization.

4. In his comment of 11 June 1950, the Department of State representative alludes to psychological intelligence requests from the JCS and the Interdepartmental Foreign Information Staff which have not been presented by CIA for the Committee's review. These requests and the work concerning them have been familiar for some time to the Committee Chairman, and to the Department of State representative, who has participated in consideration of the requests. The other Committee members have also been briefed recently on these problems in accordance with the Committee's schedule.

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5. It is recommended that you propose to the IAC acceptance of the charter of the Psychological Intelligence Committee as agreed upon by the majority of its members.



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Attachments

1. Memo fr Chairman, DCI Psychological Committee to AD/ORE, 28 June 1950
2. Minutes of DCI's Psychological Intelligence Committee meetings 1 through 9.

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REMARKS: *OPE has had a change of heart since its Memo of 27 July so does not object to our approach of 28 Aug. Pz*

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